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To the Editor

Dear Sir:

Bill McCoughlin of CBS in a news report July 23 on CIA activities in Laos commented that the U.S. Government was thus spared having to account officially for confronting the North Vietnamese in that country.

Once more we have an example of the unbridled power of the military bureaucracy. Two hundred planes and helicopters of Air America and five thousand men are waging a secret war under the direction of the CIA. The CIA is not accountable to, nor does it report to the Congress nor even the State Department. Yet "all who believe in this political system must believe in the subordination of military to civilian decision." As a nation we have demanded and still demand that the young work within the system; let us also demand that the generals work within the system.

We have created in this country a war machine - a monster - fed with and thriving on men and money, so powerful now that it, itself, makes policy and war. The war in Indochina is not in the national interest; ask the young, ask their parents, ask the members of the stock exchanges, ask some of the younger members of the State Department. This war is in the interest purely of the military.

We will never get out of Indochina; we will never cut the military budget; we will never meet our crying domestic needs, until we, the citizens, and our representatives in the Congress regain control of the military establishment.

As a first step the Concerned Citizens of Bucks County recommend to the constituents of the 8th Congressional district that they urge Representative Edward G. Bresser, Jr., to support the Cooper-Church Amendment. This amendment would restrict future military operations in Cambodia. It ties in with the McGovern-Hatfield "end the war" Amendment, S 609, which is due for debate in the Senate on August 5th. Both Senator Scott and Senator Schweiker need support from the people of Pennsylvania now.

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for the Steering Committee of the  
Concerned Citizens of Bucks County

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Senators Scott, Schweiker, Fulbright

Rep. Bresser

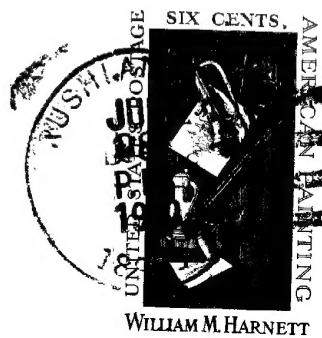
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